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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
SUBJECT : All-Weather Reconnaissance with the U-2

1. Some days ago I discussed with you the possibility of permitting U-2 aircraft to descend to relatively low altitudes in order to get under cloud cover and obtain urgently needed tactical reconnaissance  25X1  
[redacted] We talked in terms of planning such missions when the aircraft would not have to descend much below 20,000 feet over the target area. 25X1

2. I asked [redacted] my Director of Operations, to study the feasibility and desirability of this mode of operation. His conclusions are submitted herewith. I am sure you will concur, as I do, in his recommendation that this concept of operation not be employed.

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